Expenditure on the "Van Ross-Potti Case."

60. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred by the Government for conducting the "Van Ross-Potti" bribery case?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Rs. 1,200.

Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar, Tahsildar.

61. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that they once fined heavily Tahsildar Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar for serious official irregularities?

(*b*) What were the reasons which induced the Government now to transfer him to Trivandrum?

(*c*) Is it not a fact that the Land Revenue Commissioner had reported to the Government about his official irregularities and that as a result he was transferred from Trivandrum about three years ago?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) He was fined in connection with his Land Records Maintenance work in the Agastisvaram taluk.

(*b*) His transfer to Trivandrum was ordered in the exigencies of the public service.

(*c*) His transfer from Trivandrum three years ago was not the result of any adverse report.

Land Revenue Commissioner's Report against Tahsildars.

62. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Land Revenue Commissioner, Mr. Robinson, has brought to their notice that some of the Tahsildars are inefficient, corrupt or unfit for their work.

(*b*) If so, who are those Tahsildars and what action has been taken by Government on each of those reports?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Land Revenue Commissioner has, during the course of his inspections, found certain defects in the work of some Tahsildars and has brought them to the notice of Government.

(*b*) It is not in the public interest to deal with individual cases here.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Has the Government punished those Tahsildars in proportion to the seriousness of the charges?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): In the case of Tahsildars whose work on inspection was found to be defective or unsatisfactory, Government have called for explanations from those Tahsildars and their explanations have been received and are under consideration. In some cases, it was found there was nothing

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very serious to call for immediate punishments excepting the administration of warning. Other cases there are which are not yet disposed of.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Am I to take it that none of the Tahsildars were punished ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Some of them have been punished.

Statement of Appointments above Rs. 50.

63. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many new appointments, carrying a salary of Rs. 50 and above, were made during the past five years ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to give a list of such appointments, caste by caste, giving the names of those officers ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) The time and labour involved in getting the required statistics would be out of all proportion to their utility.

Quilon Carpentry and Smithery School.

64. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): (*a*) What is the number of students undergoing instruction at present in the various classes in the Carpentry School at Quilon ?

(*b*) Is it a fact that most of the applicants selected by the Selection Board failed to join the institution ?

(*c*) What is their failure due to ?

(*d*) What is the total expenditure hitherto incurred on the resuscitation of this institution three years ago ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) :

(*a*) III year course ... 5 students
II do. ... 4 ,,
I do. ... 9 ,,

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Enquiries are being made.

(*d*) Rs. 33,992-20-0, including Rs. 20,357-16-7 spent under 'capital expenditure' in 1098 and 1099.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know what the sanctioned strength is for each class ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) : There will be no difficulty for giving tuition to such of those as go to each class.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Am I to understand that the school is to admit as many students as are available ?

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